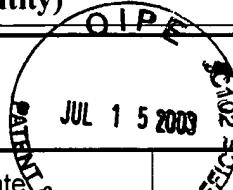


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
**(49363) 58937**

In Re Application Of: **Osypka et al.**



Serial No.  
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Examiner  
**Thompson, Kathryn L.**

Group Art Unit  
**3763**

Invention: **APPARATUS FOR VASCULAR ACCESS**

**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of February 13, 2003 in the above-identified application.

*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month  Two months  Three months  Four months  Five months

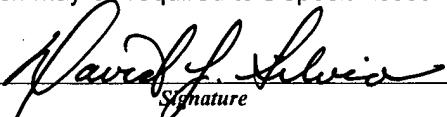
from: May 13, 2003 until: July 13, 2003  
*Date* *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

is enclosed.  
 has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is **\$205** and is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **04-1105**  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  
 If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **04-1105** A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

  
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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on July 11, 2003 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

  
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